



State of Tennessee Department of Children's Services

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To All Youth Development Center Superintendents, Health Administrators, and Health Care Staff

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Policy

Immunizations shall be administered as needed to youth in accordance with immunization regulations and instructions published by the Tennessee Department of Health.

Procedures

A. Required immunizations

1. Health standards

Health care staff must refer to the Child Health Standards published by the Tennessee Department of Health or contact their local health department for information regarding immunization schedules and required immunizations.

2. Non-recorded immunizations required

All youth must be immunized according to the Tennessee Child Health Standards.

- a) If immunization records are not available for youth, the health administrator or his/her designee must request them from the youth's family physician, parent, appropriate health department, or last school attended.

- b) If immunization records cannot be obtained indicating that the youth has received the required immunizations or documenting that the youth has had the disease, then the health administrator or his/her designee must provide appropriate immunizations.

B. Protocols

The health administrator must ensure that immunizations administered by health care personnel other than a physician are pursuant to written protocols signed by the responsible physician. Such protocols must be consistent with immunization standards published by the Tennessee Department of Health's local agencies.

C. Documentation

Health care staff must document immunizations properly in the health record or provide official documentation.

Forms

None

Collateral Documents

None

Standards

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